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REMARKS

1. At 8:30 p.m. on 26 September 1952, tanks were loaded at the Neubrandenburg railroad station. At 9 a.m. on 27 September, engineer columns passed through Neubrandenburg. [redacted] 4 motorcycles, 26 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] and amphibious car [redacted] At 11 a.m., [redacted] troops were loaded onto 25 to 30 cars at the railroad station. It also [redacted] on 1 October, 20 to 25 new [redacted] trucks were loaded. On 1 October, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by 1,500 to 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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2. On 29 September, the restricted Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse, Neubrandenburg quartered 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. One 120-mm. [redacted] howitzer, 1 x 76.2-mm AF gun and trucks [redacted] were seen at the artillery range. The Neue Infanterie Kaserne quartered about 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia on 29 September. T-34 tanks [redacted] left the installation. Four T-34 tanks [redacted] left the billeting area on 1 October. At about 5 p.m. on 2 October, about 100 soldiers marched to the installation from the railroad station. One T-34 tank and 4 T-34 tanks [redacted] were seen leaving the installation toward Radow.

[redacted] four T-34 tanks practiced firing while driving in Steinwalde. (2)

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3. On 2 and 3 October, JS-3 tank [redacted] T-34 tanks [redacted] were seen in Beuruppin, driving toward Kreuzlin [redacted] 50X1-HUM military post exercise. Three T-34 tanks [redacted] and one T-34 tank [redacted] drove toward the same direction on 3 October.

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4. On 3 October, 40 factory-new trucks for the Flak Kaserne were unloaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. The shipment came from Berlin in the Oder. The Flak Kaserne was occupied to capacity. On 7 and 8 October, four trains each were loaded with materiel from the Artillerie Kaserne, with a shipment consisting of 6x203-mm howitzers. Maneuvers [redacted] trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were observed. The trains were bound for Densau. On 7 October, a train with 12 F-13 rocket launchers and motor vehicles [redacted]

was observed. (3)

5. After 4 October, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Potsdam quartered an estimated 800 recruits who were daily engaged in basic infantry training. Seventy officers with luggage left the Kriegsschule on 3 October. (4)

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6. On 4 October, about 18 trucks with pontoons and bridge building equipment [redacted]

were loaded at the Boizenburg railroad station, coming from the Kavallerieschule, Krampnitz. (5) At 6:30 a.m. on 8 October, a train of 6 boxcars with about 200 soldiers and 26 flatcars with 25 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] stood at the Wildpark railroad station. The trucks were loaded with pontoons and bridge-building equipment. The train left toward Jueterbog at 7:30 a.m. (6)

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7. On 4 October, a train with trucks mounting 57-mm AT guns [redacted] about 40 soldiers passed through the Seddiner railroad station. The train had been dispatched from Altengralow and was bound for Schoenwalde. (7)

8. [redacted] the potato and beet crop has to be harvested by 23 October, allegedly because of famine which are to extend as far as the Elbe River. Twenty officers arrived in Brandenburg after the beginning of October.

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9. [redacted] maneuvers encompassing the area around Rathenow and extending as far as Pahnitz-Jerchel south of Rathenow were conducted after 29 September. The troops departed for Tangermuende via Genthin and Schлагenthin. [redacted] practices were held in the 50X1-HUM area of Barnewitz, Gross Beinitz, Pagow and Gortz until 1 October. The troops arrived from Nennhausen. (8)

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Comments.

- (1) [redacted] tank units of the unidentified Gds Rgt [redacted] Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div had been transferred to the area of Rheinsberg from 23 to 26 September to engage in field exercises there. [redacted]

[redacted] it is also conceivable that the units were transferred with elements of the 41st or 413th Pion Bridge Bn of the 26th Eng Regt ("a") the Second Gds Mech Army for additional exercises on 26 and 27 September and that they had returned from these maneuvers by 1 October.

- (2) The occupation of the installations appears to be unchanged except for the Neue Infanterie Kaserne after the return from field exercises in the Rheinsberg-Miers area on 27 September of units of the 9th Gds Tank Div. The low number of troops in the Neue Infanterie Kaserne indicates that the troops are still on recruits presumably arrived at the base on 26 and 27 September.

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- (3) The loading of the heavy guns was made by elements of the 124th Artillery Brig [redacted] which, together with the rocket launchers of the 25th RL Brig from Prennitz were to participate in the fall maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army on either side of Dessen. The components of the 25th RL Brig were observed en route through Brandenburg. [redacted]
 [redacted] the Flak Kaserne was occupied almost to capacity by units of the 3d Gds Army AT Arty Brig on 30 September. 50X1-HUM
- (4) It is possible that a course for officers and officer candidates of the COIG in the Kriegsschule Potsdam had been completed at the beginning of October. 50X1-HUM
- (5) [redacted] probably, elements of the 131st Gds Engr Bn of the 10th Gds Tank Div were transferred to Storkow, possibly to Storkow Lake south of Fuertzenwalde, presumably for field exercises. 50X1-HUM
- (6) It is assumed that the troops were elements of the 320th Engr Bn of the XVIII Gds Ltz Rifle Corps which [redacted] passed through [redacted] in the direction of Dossau on 5 October. [redacted] The units were probably to participate in Eighth-Gds-Army maneuvers. [redacted] Segment (3). 50X1-HUM
- (7) [redacted] it seems more probable that the unit was an AA component of the 31st AAA Div. 50X1-HUM
- (8) The maneuvers in the area south and southeast of Rathenow could have been conducted only by units of the Third Shock Army, as the departure of elements of the Fourth Gds Kozz Army which practiced thereafter 20 September, was completed on 29 September.

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